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Chaplain Robert Hicks is the Deputy Director for Chaplain Services at Civil Air Patrol's National Headquarters. He is responsible for administering all CAP Chaplain Programs, and training while giving oversight to 900 volunteer personnel.

The Civil Air Patrol is a volunteer nonprofit auxiliary of the U.S. Air Force, headquartered at Maxwell AFB, AL. Approximately 62,000 CAP members participate in missions that include Aerospace Education, Emergency Services, Search and Rescue, Cadet Programs, Counter-drug and Homeland Security. The organization has 8 regions, 52 wings and over 1700 squadrons in local communities.

Chaplain, Lt. Col Hicks, earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in psychology from Emporia State University (Kansas) and holds Master and Doctorate degrees from Dallas Theological Seminary. A post-doctoral fellow at Villanova University (Comparative Religions), he also holds a MPA degree in National Security Studies from Troy State University. He is a graduate of the USAF Professional Development School, Wing, Career and Basic Chaplain Courses, the Academic Instructor School, Critical Incident Stress Management and Combat Ministry Courses. The first ANG Chaplain graduate of the Air War College resident program, the USAF senior service school, he also instructed at the Air War College teaching "Religious Terrorism".



Colonel Hicks was commissioned an officer in the USAF Reserve in 1979. He served as Group Chaplain for the 201st Combat Communications Group, Hickam AFB, HI and Wing Chaplain for the 136th Tactical Airlift Wing, Dallas NAS, TX. He also served as Senior Chaplain for the 111th Fighter Wing, Willow Grove, NAS, PA, and the 125th Fighter Wing, Jacksonville IAP, FL, as Senior Chaplain to geographically separated units at Patrick and MacDill AFB. Currently, he serves as Wing Chaplain for the 187th Fighter Wing, an F-16 unit in the Alabama ANG. From these units he gained expertise in Combat Communications, Space Operations, Airlift, and Tactical Air Support. Experienced in national and foreign operations, Chaplain Hicks was coordinating chaplain for Sentry Cowboy (Mississippi) and Operation Distant Hammer (Spain). He gave Islamic culture briefings during Operation Desert Storm and Iraqi Freedom and also served counter-drug operations in South America during Operation Constant Vigil. He deployed to Puerto Rico, Panama, the Mediterranean and Middle East. More recently he supported Operations Enduring Freedom, and Noble Eagle.

Chaplain Hicks was nominated for the American Legion "Chaplain of the Year Award", an honor presented by President Reagan. This was in recognition of ministry to families and survivors of a Delta crash at Dallas-Ft. Worth Airport in 1986. His military decorations include: AF Meritorious Service Medal, AF Commendation Medal, AF Achievement Medals, National Defense Medals, Air Reserve Medal, AF Longevity Medal (one silver cluster), AF Expeditionary Medal, AF Short Tour, and Global War on Terrorism Medal. As a civilian, Col Hicks has taught at various college and graduate schools for over 20 years and holds many state and local awards.

Chaplain Hicks is married to the former Cynthia Ann Bliss of Winter Park, Florida. He has two daughters, one son, and five grandchildren. His organizational memberships include: Air Force Association, National Guard Association of the U.S., Military Chaplain Association, the American Legion, Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors (TAPS), International Critical Incident Stress Foundation. He currently lives in Montgomery, Alabama, is a published author of eleven books and is a popular conference speaker. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, skiing, "dating" his grandchildren, and being an FAA rated pilot.

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